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1. Messestrasse, Potsdam about 300 officers of various branches of service were billeted there. About 100 officers allegedly left every morning for a building on Jaegerallee and 10 to 12 officers left for the Adolf Hitler Kaserne to attend lectures. Fifty to sixty officers went on hunting trips on trucks on Sundays. Security measures at the officers' quarters were very strict. Each officer had to produce his pass when entering and leaving the building. German personnel employed there had to turn in their identity cards in the morning and they were returned to them only when leaving the quarters. (1)
2. The Ruinenberg Kaserne, Potsdam, housed an army post office and about 100 drivers of the Driving school. Driving school trucks left the installation. Trucks were loaded with mail in the barracks yard. (2)
3. From 8:20 to 12 a.m. on 2 January 1951, recruits in the Delius Kaserne were engaged in gun drill on Bornstedter Field with eight 152-mm and four 122-mm guns, while the trained personnel did maintenance work on guns and vehicles. There was calisthenics in the barracks yard for all troops from 1 to 3 p.m. and indoctrination from 5 to 7 p.m. Activities on 3 January were the same as those observed on 2 January. From 9 to 11:45 a.m. on 4 January, recruits were instructed on six caterpillar tractors in the barracks yard. One officer, one sergeant, and 20 recruits were standing beside each tractor. From 1 to 3 p.m., recruits underwent individual rifle drill in the barracks yard. The trained personnel were individually trained with rifles and submachine guns from 9 to 11:45 a.m. and were on fatigue duty from 1 to 3 p.m. Indoctrination for all troops was held from 5 to 7 p.m. The same routine was repeated on 5 January. Activities observed in the Delius Kaserne on 6 January included driving practice for recruits with eight caterpillar tractors, on Bornstedter Field from 9 to 12 a.m. and technical instruction

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on caterpillar tractors from 2 to 3 p.m. Meanwhile the trained personnel drilled with eight 152-mm and eight 122-mm guns from 9 to 12 a.m. and cleaned guns from 2 to 3 p.m. From 5 to 7 p.m. there was indoctrination for all troops. (4)

4. At 10:20 a.m. on 3 January, 12 trucks entered the Delius Kaserne, each towing two trailers. [redacted] trailers were from the former Opel Plant in Brandenburg. Eight more trailers were due to arrive.

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[redacted] four trucks and eight guns returned to the billeting area from the emplacement in the woods on Michendorferchaussee on 5 January. The troops who returned were allegedly not relieved. At about noon, four trucks with ammunition left for the emplacement in the woods, and, [redacted] took with them

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meals for 23 soldiers. (6)

[redacted] the last married officers and their families would return to the U.S.S.R. (7)

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5. On 10 and 11 January, the Kavallerieschule in Potsdam-Krampnitz quartered about 5,000 men. All windows of the installation were lighted at dusk. About 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles left the installation through the eastern gate on 10 January. An officer with the soldiers wore artillery insignia. Shortly afterwards, 12 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, with two disassembled 80-mm mortars, departed from the installation. At 2:30 p.m. on 11 January, a platoon of about 45 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, left the billeting area through the western gate. These 45 soldiers were subsequently seen receiving instruction in the use of maps and compasses. At 3 p.m. two portable radio sections, each of five men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the Kavallerieschule through the eastern gate. Two sidecar motorcycles with a radio set and one with an antenna 1.5 meters high stopped at the eastern gate. The motorcycles left toward Glienicke after two officers with artillery insignia dismounted. Rocket launcher [redacted] stopped at the western entrance at about 3:30 p.m. Two T-34/85 tanks left through the western entrance at 5:30 p.m.

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[redacted] the stables on the west side of the billeting area were used as Eli quarters. The billeting sections for the artillery and the tank units stationed in the Kavallerieschule were separated by a board fence running north and south. (8)

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- (1) [redacted] a hotel on Hessestrasse billeted 300 officers who attended a course of instruction at the Kriegsschule.
- (2) [redacted] the Ruinenberg Kaserne, which is the former German 1st Garde Ulanen Regiment Kaserne, contained a motor pool and a motor vehicle repair shop.
- (3) [redacted]

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There is no doubt that these vehicles hauled the trailers from Brandenburg to Potsdam for the artillery units in the Delius Kaserne.

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individual artillery units from the Delius Kaserne have been rotated for training to gun emplacements in the woods near Michendorf since the beginning of November 1950. The present report indicates that only a rear detail remained at the gun emplacements in the woods after the artillery unit practicing there returned to the Delius Kaserne at the beginning of January 1951.

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some of the Soviet families quartered on Ruinenborststrasse were repatriated to the U.S.S.R.

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The Kavallerieschule in Krampnitz is predominantly occupied by component units of the 10th Gds Tank Div. the installation to have quartered about 4,000 men at the end of September 1950.

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According to a previous report

bread for about 4,000 troops was

delivered to the Kavallerieschule.

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It is believed that the same number of troops was stationed there at the beginning of January 1951.

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